Non-conventional Energy Sources have sponsored R&D projects to some of the leading R&D institutions to optimize the process parameters for production of bio-diesel from non-edible vegetable oils such as Jatropha Curcas and Pongamia Pinnata and their use in the automotive sector. Field trails using bio-diesel as a blend with petroleum diesel fuel have been initiated.

Proposals from HP Government pending under consideration

†633. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh are under consideration of the Ministry, which mainly include setting up of a Solar Energy Research Centre at Shimla, to giving capital subsidy on four projects under Capital Subsidy Scheme for small hydropower projects, payment of outstanding amount under Integrated Energy Programme and 50 percent reimbursement of the amount spent by Government of Himachal Pradesh on setting up a Evaquated Tube Collector Type Solar Water Heating System in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, since when the same are pending and by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The details of various Non-conventional Energy project proposals of Himachal Pradesh that have been received in the Ministry under non-conventional energy programmes are given in the Statement. (*See* below). Proposals would be considered on receipt of clarifications/ revised proposals from the State and sanction would be immediately accorded depending upon techno-economic feasibility, fulfilment of terms an conditions asper the provisions contained in respective programmes and availability of funds.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of proposals of Himachal Pradesh received in the Ministry under various Non-conventional energy programmes

Sl.No.	Proposal
I. Remote Village Electrification	
1.	900 kW SHP project for Sach village in Pangi Valley in District Chamba.
2.	500 kW SHP Project for Kunnu-Charang in District Kinnaur.
3.	3 SHP projects i.e. 2×400 kW at Sissu, 2×200 kW at Biling, 2×200 kW at Shansa in District Lahaul & Spiti.
4.	200kW SHP project far Saichu in Pangi Valley in District Chamba.
II. Small Hydro Power	
5.	1100 kW SHP project at Bagrod-Sidhata, Distt. Kangra
6.	30 kW SHP project at Sarahan, Shimla.
III. Solar Thermal	
7.	A proposal for establishment of a Solar Energy Research Centre at Shimla.
IV. Energy Parks	
8.	A district level energy park proposal at Lingthi, District Lahaul & Spiti.
9.	A State level energy park proposal at Pandoh, District Mandi.

Withdrawal of financial assistance to power plants

634. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrawn all financial assistance to power plants producing energy through non-conventional methods;